

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A tool for repair of damaged threads of screws, comprising:

a body having a projecting portion for accommodating a screw to be repaired and having two recessed major surfaces;

two blades, each having a rear end hingedly articulated in said body and a front end in the shape of a cutting face substantially fitting the type of thread to be repaired;

a thumbscrew adapted to exert pressure on said blades against a biasing force of a substantially flat spring, one end of which is anchored in said body and another end of which is applied against said blades means to alter the distance between said cutting faces and said projecting portion to accommodate screws of different diameters, and

wherein said rear ends of said blades are configured in such a way that they are capable of serving as pivots, whereby said blades are hingedly articulated to said body.

2. (Original) The tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein said two blades are of a substantially equal length.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 3 1, wherein said pressure is applied via a pressure pad straddling said blades by means of lobes integral with said pressure pad.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein said projecting portion is in ~~Me~~ the form of a V-block.

7. (Original) The tool as claimed in claim 6, wherein the active surfaces of said V-block are provided with hard-metal linings.

8. (Original) The tool as claimed in claim 1, further comprising cover plates seated in said body and provided with interlocking projections whereby, upon assembly, said cover plates are affixed to said body.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein said pressure is applied via two pressure pads straddling said blades from above and below, respectively, by means of lobes integral with said pressure pads.

11. (Original) The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein said pressure pad comprises two lobes extending in planes substantially parallel to said major surfaces of said body.

12. (Original) The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein said pressure pad comprises two pairs of two lobes each, each pair extending in planes substantially perpendicular to said major surfaces of said body.

13. (Original) The tool as claimed in claim 12, wherein each lobe of said pairs of lobes is configured as an inclined plane, the planes of one of said pairs being outwardly inclined, while the planes of the other one of said pairs are inwardly inclined.

14. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 3 1, wherein at least portions of the upper and lower straight edges of said blades are provided with chamfers adapted to cooperate with inclined planes of said lobes.

15. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 3 17, wherein said spring means to alter the distance is a helical compression spring seated around one of said two thumbscrews.

16. (New) A tool for repair of damaged threads of screws, comprising:

a body having a projecting portion for accommodating a screw to be repaired and having two recessed major surfaces;

two blades, each having a rear end hingedly articulated in said body and a front end in the shape of a cutting face substantially fitting the type of thread to be repaired;

means to alter the distance between said cutting faces and said projecting portion to accommodate screws of different diameters; and

cover plates seated in said body and provided with interlocking projections whereby, upon assembly, said cover plates are affixed to said body,

wherein said rear ends of said blades are configured in such a way that they are capable of serving as pivots, whereby said blades are hingedly articulated to said body.

17. (New) The tool as claimed in claim 16, further comprising two pressure pads which comprise two pairs of two lobes each, each pair extending in planes substantially perpendicular to said major surfaces of said body.

18. (New) The tool as claimed in claim 17, wherein each lobe of said pairs of lobes is configured as an inclined plane, the planes of one of said pairs being outwardly inclined, while the planes of the other one of said pairs are inwardly inclined.

19. (New) A tool for repair of damaged threads of screws, comprising:

a body having a projecting portion for accommodating a screw to be repaired and having two recessed major surfaces;

two blades, each having a rear end hingedly articulated in said body and a front end in the shape of a cutting face substantially fitting the type of thread to be repaired;

two thumbscrews adapted to exert pressure on said blades against a biasing force of a spring so as to alter the distance between said cutting faces and said projecting portion to accommodate screws of different diameters, wherein

said pressure is applied via two pressure pads straddling said blades from above and below, respectively, by means of lobes integral with said pressure pads; and

the rear ends of said blades are configured in such a way that they are capable of serving as pivots, whereby said blades are hingedly articulated to said body.

20. (New) The tool as claimed in claim 19, wherein each of said pressure pads comprises two pairs of two lobes each, each pair extending in planes substantially perpendicular to said major surfaces of said body.

21. (New) The tool as claimed in claim 20, wherein each lobe of said pairs of lobes is configured as an inclined plane, the planes of one of said pairs being outwardly inclined, while the planes of the other one of said pairs are inwardly inclined.